be willing to send it again, having used the pruning Knife upon it, a little; very probably it will, after all, win the prize.

If, under existing circumstances, you would like its publication in our columns, as you proposed in the note to the Committee, we will give it place.

I have promised the Committee that I will not give their names to the public; but to assure you that all is right, I will give them to you, trusting to your honor not to publish them; neither to trouble them with the matter. They are Rev. Dr. Sears, President of Newton Theo Inst. Rev. Prof. Ripley, Author of Notes on the Gospels & Acts, & Rev. J. F. Smith, Editor of the Christian Review.

Yours truly.

H. A. Ward.

W. A. Graves
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Dear Sir,

The editor has himself found time to peruse but a small portion of your article, but when he placed the articles in the hands of the Committee he anticipated for that the prize. He regrets the result, but what shall we do? The Committee say they cannot decide, and now how can the editor and publisher do otherwise than as proposed, unless they entirely withhold the prize? But would this be just & right? You intimate what we ought not to do, but do not inform us what you think we should do. I saw one of the Committee yesterday; your article, he said, was ably written, but neither of the Committee could endorse some of the views contained in it. We return it, as you request, cheerfully; assuring you that we are grateful for the attention you have given us, and the labor you have bestowed upon this great subject. If you would like to know what points are objected to by the Committee, I will try to find out, and inform you. Perhaps you will